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(Average rainfall for each month = 100)

MONTHLY SUMMARY

OF

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1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

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Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1947.													
January ...	77	21	8	7	31	51	27	8	18	190	75	31	140
February ...	271	271	176	462	261	263	257	175	207	198	242	160	204
March ...	142	82	151	178	132	100	83	165	136	126	70	39	101
April ...	81	59	96	45	76	58	76	95	85	127	113	186	131
May ...	62	88	41	51	61	61	83	43	56	78	101	32	79
June ...	32	38	61	41	44	38	32	63	53	8	56	76	29
July ...	64	135	155	157	122	80	142	171	152	8	17	17	11
August ...	136	94	100	178	117	129	82	96	97	61	35	146	65
September ...	148	168	119	175	147	140	139	126	131	82	48	34	67
October ...	148	161	106	136	136	170	135	115	127	78	70	65	74
November ...	144	192	156	176	165	128	196	156	163	143	150	170	146
December ...	168	285	306	174	247	173	325	319	302	176	262	256	208
1948.													
January ...	99	107	110	49	99	104	115	95	101	88	150	220	121
February ...	82	211	252	138	180	74	222	253	222	42	66	99	56

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44; 448,683,000 lb. in 1944-45; 431,549,000 lb. in 1945-46 and 432,621,000 lb. in 1946-47.

The Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46 were purchased by the British Government under war time contract. Auction sales were resumed in 1946 under agreement between United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of current clips.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales in year ended June, 1947, was 23'6d. per lb. Comparable average price was 32'5d. in Sept., 1947; 34d. in Oct.; 38d. in Nov.; in Dec., 38d. (nominal); 43d. in Jan., 1948; and 45d. in Feb.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
July ...	76,207	68,696	61,345	60,568	76,207	68,696	61,345	60,568
August ...	113,506	110,161	66,310	91,158	189,713	178,857	127,655	151,726
September ...	73,356	132,093	206,309	141,592	263,069	310,950	333,964	293,318
October ...	129,588	183,001	209,694	184,962	392,657	493,951	543,658	478,280
November ...	166,656	174,501	128,416	125,808	559,313	668,452	672,074	604,088
December ...	111,713	47,412	67,454	59,723	671,026	715,864	739,528	663,811
January ...	101,888	44,883	22,200	24,206	772,914	760,747	761,728	688,017
February ...	24,884	23,146	17,611		797,798	783,893	779,339	
March ...	23,799	28,966	23,087		821,597	812,859	802,426	
April ...	20,854	36,385	31,351		842,451	849,244	833,777	
May ...	34,419	40,424	52,392		876,870	889,668	886,169	
June ...	41,007	36,141	36,660		917,877	925,809	922,829	

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
	a res.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
Average—1934-35 to 1943-44 ...	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13.1
1943-44 ...	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17.6
1944-45 ...	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6.0
1945-46 ...	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16.6
1946-47 ...	4,773,000	4,475,000	15,682,000	3.5
1947-48* ...	5,425,000	5,100,000	101,000,000	19.8

*Preliminary Estimate.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
Thousand lb.						
July ...	5,061	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641	3,004
August ...	5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	2,833
September ...	7,093	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	4,025
October ...	10,107	8,626	8,483	7,557	4,446	6,464
November ...	13,128	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070	6,858
December ...	13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	10,628
January ...	12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	11,365
February ...	11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	.....
March ...	11,370	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,051	.....
April ...	10,044	5,165	5,811	6,185	5,741	.....
May ...	8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458	.....
June ...	6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	.....
Year ...	113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	.....
Seven Months ended Jan.	66,531	57,604	43,117	44,211	30,927	45,177

5. COAL PRODUCTION† IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks.*	Last day of Period. (1948 dates.)	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
First § ...	17th Jan.	731	744	625	640	519	475	214
Second ...	14th Feb.	933	933	774	867	860	821	.....
Third ...	13th Mar.	981	813	781	893	913	766	.....
Fourth ...	10th April	886	843	782	755	859	816	.....
Fifth ...	8th May	1,003	843	930	791	671	834	.....
Sixth ...	5th June	965	907	866	914	906	834	.....
Seventh ...	3rd July	918	899	884	846	798	1,003	.....
Eighth ...	31st July	953	905	884	914	846	999	.....
Ninth ...	28th Aug.	1,028	938	880	778	911	998	.....
Tenth ...	25th Sept.	984	868	970	842	975	1,019	.....
Eleventh ...	23rd Oct.	973	937	870	759	1,017	996	.....
Twelfth ...	20th Nov.	965	939	891	869	976	1,107	.....
Thirteenth ...	18th Dec.	886	904	906	308	932	1,026	.....
† Total—52 weeks ...		12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,685	.....
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...		56	60	180	523	756	959	.....
Period of 4 weeks ended*—								
Northern District ...	24th Jan.	479	482	393	393	326	289	138
Western District ...	23rd Jan.	103	84	81	96	72	78	39
Southern District* ...	22nd Jan.	149	178	151	151	121	108	37
Total (4 weeks) § ...	20th Jan.	731	744	625	640	519	475	214
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...	19th Jan.	...	2	6	24	29	37	19

* The Four-weekly Periods in Southern District ended a week later than in other districts in years 1942 to 1947.

† Production as recorded by Mines Department was 11,196,000 tons in 1939, 9,550,000 in 1940, 11,766,000 in 1941.

§ Production affected by miners' midsummer holidays, viz: 1942, public holidays only; 1943 to 1945, one week; 1946 and 1947, two weeks; 1948, three weeks.

BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Period.	City of Sydney—New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.	Suburbs of Sydney.			Total—Sydney and Suburbs.		
		New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
		No. of Permits.	Value				
Monthly Average	£		£	£	£	£	£
1938	284,132	621	748,064	137,989	974,836	195,349	1,170,185
1939	157,127	581	744,532	116,630	848,963	169,326	1,018,289
1940	127,851	567	735,057	113,612	788,668	187,852	976,520
1941	46,002	632	745,228	112,720	757,943	146,007	903,950
1942	22,580	30	45,880	52,010	51,343	69,127	120,470
1943	20,704	15	19,677	73,006	21,311	92,076	113,387
1944	27,671	35	35,511	70,395	35,553	98,024	133,577
1945	22,019	331	336,445	80,812	338,842	100,434	439,276
1946	101,100	780	1,191,938	212,811	1,200,643	305,206	1,505,849
1947	109,562	795	1,359,585	218,524	1,400,358	287,313	1,687,671
Month—							
1947—Jan. ...	163,052	742	1,234,267	412,864	1,258,267	551,916	1,810,183
Dec. ...	158,173	574	1,025,476	130,590	1,158,476	155,763	1,314,239
1948—Jan. ...	33,495	556	1,117,160	146,241	1,132,160	164,736	1,296,896
Seven Months (July—Jan.)							
1946-47	964,985	5,701	9,816,887	1,882,815	9,880,937	2,783,750	12,664,687
1947-48	606,939	5,260	9,411,713	1,168,546	9,639,713	1,547,485	11,187,198

Quarter.	129 Industrial and Rural Towns and Seven Shires adjacent to the Metropolis.			Total of Foregoing. New Build- ings, Alter- ations and Additions. •
	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	
	No. of Permits.	Value.		
Quarterly Average—		£	£	£
1938	1,601	1,275,590	306,852	5,092,997
1939	1,485	1,095,910	244,631	4,395,406
1940	1,213	1,002,259	219,540	4,151,359
1941	1,262	997,590	191,898	3,901,338
1942	304	199,706	70,053	631,168
1943	115	51,563	75,534	467,257
1944	195	104,734	112,617	518,083
1945	1,203	977,003	180,421	2,475,251
1946	2,694	2,947,595	429,016	7,894,158
1947	2,913	3,736,124	399,410	9,198,548
December Quarter—				
1946	2,599	3,067,205	471,369	8,878,966
1947	2,712	3,618,110	318,046	8,368,606
Six Months (July-Dec.)				
1946	5,703	6,590,799	939,154	18,384,457
1947	5,728	7,733,441	721,521	18,345,264

* Metropolis, 7 adjacent shires and 129 industrial and rural towns.

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7. CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

The value of principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued by local councils in Sydney and Suburbs, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below:—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions. (Permits issued.)							
	Houses.			Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b)	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.
	New.		Alterations and Additions.					
	Brick	Wood, Fibro, etc.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sydney and Suburbs.								
Monthly Average—								
1939	345,374	71,850	42,004	231,830	106,124	42,943	178,164	1,018,289
1944	2,639	11,642	12,397	1,094	85,433	1,459	18,913	133,577
1945	149,698	160,728	31,025	3,680	61,641	4,775	27,729	439,276
1946	555,620	386,772	61,356	52,758	303,006	48,180	98,157	1,505,849
1947	759,192	379,558	65,711	101,545	251,473	28,972	101,220	1,687,671
Month—								
1947—Jan. ...	645,589	324,927	67,170	85,535	489,712	18,151	179,099	1,810,183
Dec.	600,880	294,016	51,968	159,068	83,108	32,319	92,880	1,314,239
1948—Jan. ...	531,931	309,039	55,456	130,569	207,589	16,536	45,776	1,296,896
Seven Months— (July—Jan.)—								
1946-47	4,467,583	2,666,088	466,906	604,932	3,029,525	499,432	930,221	12,664,687
1947-48	5,333,827	2,613,217	433,056	810,349	1,392,775	159,751	444,223	11,187,198
129 Industrial and Rural Towns and 7 Shires Adjacent to the Metropolis.								
Quarterly Average—								
1939	262,972	556,279	98,755	43,927	30,017	99,715	248,876	1,340,541
1944	6,108	66,908	39,109	1,760	49,942	5,651	47,783	217,351
1945	179,890	734,169	99,887	3,674	57,013	15,305	67,486	1,157,424
1946	724,287	1,889,027	199,602	39,043	144,053	118,716	261,883	3,376,611
1947	1,081,742	2,229,518	225,411	47,488	180,845	132,652	237,878	4,135,534
Dec. Quarter—								
1946	837,738	1,855,127	196,425	37,970	130,464	134,242	346,608	3,538,574
1947	1,106,787	2,205,157	200,089	27,015	121,229	93,407	182,472	3,936,156
Six Months— (July—Dec.)—								
1946	1,736,906	3,990,903	441,317	84,891	302,740	290,872	682,324	7,529,953
1947	2,205,989	4,611,074	421,122	94,685	406,492	199,466	516,134	8,454,962

(a) Includes conversions to flats.

(b) Includes shops with dwellings attached.

8. GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

The following are particulars of Government building (Commonwealth, State and Public authorities) additional to private building to which tables 6 and 7 relate. Values included in respect of the State Housing Scheme relate to buildings actually commenced; for other Government building the values refer to contracts let and day labour jobs authorised:—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).					
	Month of January.			Seven Months ended January.		
	1946.	1947.	1948.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sydney and Suburbs	308,609	637,538	274,258	2,544,069	2,651,362	2,205,602
Remainder of State...	213,319	277,770	215,343	1,079,176	1,734,082	1,911,875
Total, N.S. Wales ...	521,928	915,308	489,601	3,623,245	4,385,444	4,117,477

SECTION B.—TRADE.

9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Million £.									
Year.	200'29	202'79	229'03	238'65	240'54	251'40	251'74	299'76	347'46
January ...	13'24	16'33	15'83	18'69	17'18	18'01	18'62	17'62	21'70
February ...	16'54	14'64	17'48	19'39	21'60	20'48	21'48	21'72	26'28
March ...	15'78	16'97	17'40	19'53	19'44	18'00	21'75	22'33	24'22
April ...	15'79	17'88	19'06	19'19	21'88	21'68	20'81	26'88	27'32
May ...	17'46	14'85	18'75	20'72	19'56	21'45	22'24	25'21	30'33
June ...	14'88	17'07	21'76	18'93	20'91	20'67	19'40	23'58	27'98
July ...	15'28	16'74	17'63	19'17	19'81	20'87	22'01	25'74	27'82
August ...	16'81	17'17	20'41	20'86	18'75	23'82	20'22	28'74	32'11
September ...	19'44	17'48	21'60	19'59	19'93	21'46	23'72	28'97	32'00
October ...	19'22	18'50	18'25	22'06	20'80	21'82	22'36	26'56	30'89
November ...	17'53	18'13	20'58	19'54	21'07	20'30	} 39'13 {	24'65	32'66
December ...	18'32	17'03	20'28	20'98	19'61	22'84		27'76	34'15

10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year.								
1939	303	303	+ 2'4	+ 2'0	+ 2'6	+ 0'9		
1940	303	305	+ 6'3	+ 17'0	+ 4'0	+ 1'9		
1941	305	304	+ 14'5	+ 8'0	+ 9'0	+ 4'0		
1942	304	303	— 5'3	+ 9'2	— 5'1	— 8'4		
1943	303	306	— 11'3	— 6'8	— 9'7	— 17'6		
1944	306	302	+ 3'2	— 0'2	— 4'6	+ 1'4		
1945	302	301	+ 15'8	+ 11'1	+ 6'7	+ 5'0		
1946	301	302	+ 32'2	+ 3'8	+ 28'0	+ 20'0		
1947	302	302	+ 18'7	+ 32'5	+ 21'5	+ 8'6		
1946.								
December ...	23	24	+ 33'0	+ 37'9	+ 31'4	+ 17'2	+ 25'0	+ 28'0
1947.								
January	25	25	+ 16'7	+ 39'4	+ 34'6	+ 19'7	+ 21'9	+ 31'5
February	24	24	+ 11'9	+ 38'8	+ 28'0	+ 12'3	+ 22'2	+ 31'4
March	26	26	+ 15'7	+ 37'6	+ 29'3	+ 11'9	+ 14'9	+ 30'6
April	22	22	+ 12'8	+ 38'6	+ 19'7	+ 9'6	+ 13'6	+ 25'5
May	27	27	+ 9'8	+ 40'6	+ 19'4	+ 8'0	+ 12'7	+ 22'7
June	23	24	+ 38'2	+ 34'8	+ 15'8	+ 7'7	+ 19'0	+ 18'3
July	27	27	+ 12'0	+ 29'2	+ 20'1	+ 8'1	+ 19'0	+ 18'5
August	27	26	+ 16'9	+ 33'4	+ 14'0	+ 6'6	+ 21'8	+ 16'6
September	25	26	+ 41'3	+ 28'5	+ 21'8	+ 6'5	+ 23'6	+ 18'5
October	26	26	+ 23'4	+ 25'3	+ 17'5	+ 7'4	+ 26'6	+ 17'7
November	26	25	+ 8'9	+ 27'5	+ 19'9	+ 5'6	+ 23'8	+ 19'7
December	24	24	+ 18'8	+ 26'2	+ 22'1	+ 5'1	+ 17'1	+ 20'0

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 27.

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

11. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of January.			Seven Months ended 31st January.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 ...	2,522,885	1,939,204	583,681	18,080,555	13,858,053	4,222,502
1947 ...	2,646,246	2,056,012	590,234	17,935,043	14,305,929	3,629,114
1948 ...	3,113,646	2,560,010	553,636	20,986,798	17,196,327	3,790,471

* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £6,857,000 in year 1946-47.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

	Month of January.		Seven Months ended 31st January.	
	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock.)	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock.)	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1946 ...	1,199	21,731	8,881	152,427
1947 ...	1,262	21,473	9,837	150,704
1948 ...	1,167	21,639	10,233	152,030

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

12. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
Month of January—						
1946 ...	461,700	24,700	42,300	48,000	2,000	3,700
1947 ...	460,100	(-) 10,200	40,800	53,700	2,400	3,900
1948 ...	609,700	15,000	38,200	66,700	5,000	3,800
Seven months ended 31st January—						
1946 ...	3,115,900	77,400	290,500	326,100	23,300	26,900
1947 ...	3,208,500	(-) 500	285,000	346,800	3,400	25,600
1948 ...	4,110,000	121,000	262,100	434,400	6,800	25,200

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £479,010 in year 1946-47. † Estimated.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

Adult fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased by one penny per journey from 1st July, 1947.

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13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1945.	1947.			1948.	
	31st August.	30th June.*	31st August.	31st January.	31st July.	30th November.	31st December.	31st January.
Cars ...	216,633	169,916	185,665	196,053	199,934	204,667	205,923	206,699
Lorries, Utilities and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	84,257	107,709	114,884	120,175	121,662	122,633
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,366	1,787	2,190	2,434	2,735	2,820	2,877
Cycles—Solo ...	17,111	10,538	12,319	18,224	19,461	20,738	21,110	21,465
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	4,785	4,076	5,609	5,907	6,182	6,298	6,345
Omnibuses‡ ...	794	890	1,039	1,103	1,190	1,316	1,349	1,361
Taxi-cabs‡ ...	1,331	1,352	1,351	1,358	1,444	1,550	1,580	1,590
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	662	1,084	1,183	1,278	1,289	1,291
Trailers ...	6,538	6,965	9,187	13,531	14,889	16,373	17,057	17,485
Total ...	329,219	267,768	300,343	346,861	361,326	375,014	379,088	381,746

MONTHLY REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Ex-Service Vehicles are not included.)

Period.	Number of New Vehicles Registered.							
	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Tractors. †	Cycles.	Omnibuses. ‡	Taxi-cabs. ‡	Trailers.	Total.
Monthly Average—								
1937-1939 ...	1,748	721	15	191	12	47	99	2,833
1942-1945 ...	36	179	13	13	4	2	73	320
1946 ...	320	404	25	170	4	...	204	1,127
1947 ...	1,018	633	31	265	23	5	250	2,225
Month—								
1947- January ...	581	321	13	237	3	...	428	1,583
May ...	815	513	27	246	20	...	186	1,807
June ...	859	581	16	188	22	6	138	1,810
July ...	1,232	750	33	191	22	7	160	2,395
August ...	1,104	691	27	234	35	11	164	2,266
September ...	1,320	873	39	213	40	11	242	2,738
October ...	1,451	817	56	417	39	15	269	3,064
November ...	1,298	836	40	339	30	5	213	2,761
December..	1,248	876	49	366	36	4	579	3,158
1948- January ...	871	510	30	361	22	9	405	2,208

* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

End of Month.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January ...	423,649	564,184	570,080	608,306	699,023
February ...	427,211	563,702	570,952	606,880	...
March ...	427,964	563,791	573,205	616,114	...
April ...	428,848	567,295	576,218	618,385	...
May ...	431,149	571,616	575,144	663,518	...
June ...	433,029	572,697	575,864	679,505	...
July ...	433,972	573,078	580,747	686,633	...
August ...	431,029	572,893	583,172	691,944	...
September ...	432,795	568,280	585,985	698,312	...
October ...	435,573	571,656	588,321	698,539	...
November ...	440,335	573,637	591,001	698,416	...
December ...	441,934	571,790	598,643	703,577	...

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

15. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
Taxes—	million £.		Social Services*—	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	57·95	68·32	Invalid, Age Pensions ...	17·38	21·46
Sales	24·32	20·21	Widows' Pensions ...	2·00	2·25
Income	96·59	103·80	Child Endowment ...	11·74	10·47
Payroll	7·88	9·45	Other	5·48	4·78
Estate	2·14	2·52	Payments to States ...	12·33	12·04
Entertainments ...	3·00	2·99	Tax Reimbursed to States	18·34	20·69
Other	0·92	1·11	Post Office	12·67	16·32
			Other	40·73	49·62
Total Taxes	192·80	208·40	Defence and Post War ...	112·23	94·95
Post Office	17·10	18·20			
Other	7·31	10·05			
Total Revenue ...	217·21	236·65	Total Expenditure ...	232·90	232·58

* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than Defence and Post-War which is included above) in the seven months ended January, consisted of advances to States for Housing, £6,675,000 in 1947, and £6,550,000 in 1948; and Contribution under International Monetary Agreements Act, £10,193,000 in 1948.

16. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
	£000	£000		£000	£000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sink-		
Towards Interest ...	1,702	1,702	ing Fund	9,111	8,942
Reimbursement of Taxes...	7,687	8,656	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits ...	635	688	Activities	975	990
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	3,309	4,198	Net Debt Charges ...	8,136	7,952
Other Taxes	808	1,019	Other than Debt Charges—		
Land	885	1,126	Governmental	14,619	17,058
Services	833	967	Business Undertakings ...	18,668	22,420
Other	2,502	2,504			
Total Governmental	18,361	20,860			
Business Undertakings ...	22,788	26,203			
Total Revenue ...	41,149	47,063	Total Expenditure ...	41,423	47,430

Loan expenditure on works and services during the seven months ended January was gross £8,065,000 and net (i.e. gross less repayments to loan account) £7,921,000 in 1948, compared with gross £3,526,000 and net £3,364,000 in 1947.

17. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318.4	28.6	23.9	22.1	.....	291.7
1940 " ...	345.4	31.1	38.3	43.7	.....	289.9
1941 " ...	360.0	33.3	36.1	61.9	.....	283.7
1942 " ...	387.9	40.4	39.6	56.3	36.4	268.3
1943 " ...	453.5	33.4	50.8	75.7	102.9	246.0
1944 " ...	534.5	38.0	55.4	89.1	182.8	221.8
1945 " ...	582.5	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1946 " ...	627.1	32.3	40.0	122.7	258.5	224.3
1947 " ...	648.3	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	289.7
1946—47						
October ...	623.9	36.5	24.5	107.9	252.3	252.5
November...	623.5	37.3	24.5	100.5	256.6	258.1
December ...	635.0	42.4	24.8	90.6	263.2	261.1
January ...	641.9	46.6	28.5	86.3	267.8	263.6
1947—48						
October ...	651.9	45.8	16.2	73.6	239.1	324.7
November...	659.3	42.3	14.2	65.8	248.7	332.7
December ...	668.6	43.5	11.4	61.8	259.5	335.9
January ...	673.2	45.5	16.9	59.9	264.1	336.7

* Excluding London Funds.

18. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 17 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (18 banks).			
	Deposits.			Advances.	Deposits.			Advances.
	Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.		Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.	
	Fixed.	Current.			Fixed.	Current.		
million £.								
1945—September ...	79.7	173.4	255.7	104.8	220.2	413.4	644.0	239.0
December ...	81.8	180.4	265.1	106.2	223.2	443.5	675.5	240.2
1946—January ...	81.1	183.5	267.9	107.2	221.0	452.3	683.0	240.2
March ...	79.4	197.1	280.2	105.7	217.6	480.0	707.4	248.5
June ...	76.4	198.2	277.8	111.6	209.6	476.6	698.5	259.5
September ...	76.3	200.5	279.6	126.0	206.4	475.9	694.0	285.6
December ...	77.0	206.2	286.3	133.0	204.7	492.4	708.4	303.5
1947—January ...	76.3	208.3	286.9	134.6	203.5	497.7	713.5	307.7
March ...	75.2	212.3	289.8	136.5	202.5	517.9	731.5	312.8
June ...	71.5	212.5	286.8	144.8	199.0	511.5	722.7	336.0
September ...	72.8	207.2	283.1	157.1	200.2	500.2	710.0	362.9
October ...	72.7	212.2	287.9	160.5	199.6	514.4	723.5	371.5
November ...	72.4	215.0	290.2	166.2	199.1	523.6	732.5	381.1
December ...	71.3	219.1	293.3	171.3	197.9	534.2	742.6	387.6
1948—January ...	70.7	221.0	294.2	180.2	197.1	539.2	746.6	397.0

* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945.

19. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).*

As at 30th June.	Amount of Deposits,†	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.				
			1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1936 ...	80,000	January	86,824	181,801	224,705	230,924	231,430
1937 ...	81,952	February	86,591	184,725	228,711	230,544	...
1938 ...	86,016	March	86,269	187,894	230,420	229,665	...
1939 ...	87,474	April ...	86,222	189,566	230,920	229,328	...
1940 ...	82,111	May ...	86,097	192,884	232,221	228,549	...
1941 ...	87,750	June†	87,474	198,203	236,242	231,368	...
1942 ...	94,538	July ...	87,201	200,932	237,305	231,530	...
1943 ...	122,405	August ...	86,957	204,794	236,985	231,070	...
1944 ...	162,867	September	86,557	207,520	235,806	232,654	...
1945 ...	198,203	October	86,751	209,906	234,804	232,568	...
1946 ...	236,242	November	86,684	214,806	233,006	231,775	...
1947 ...	231,368	December	86,581	219,560	231,311	231,250	...

* Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

† Including accrued interest.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases, in New South Wales was £24,810,948 at 31st January, 1948, including £167,924 net receipts in January.

20. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	106.7	107.5	114.2	120.1	142.2	171.3	98	136	150	152	154	196	236
February ...	75.5	105.7	121.2	114.1	131.8	150.2	...	96	139	147	149	157	194	...
March ...	80.5	123.4	130.1	123.4	144.1	170.0	...	93	138	146	145	164	193	...
April ...	70.7	125.3	108.4	126.2	138.9	181.8	...	98	150	150	154	176	218	...
May ...	82.0	123.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	186.4	...	100	155	158	160	184	229	...
June ...	80.3	132.6	140.1	136.0	159.2	176.9	...	101	163	166	169	195	236	...
July ...	71.2	114.3	122.9	129.7	174.9	183.5	...	98	155	168	167	206	229	...
August ...	74.9	122.7	127.4	121.0	157.3	162.4	...	99	160	169	168	214	227	...
September ...	74.9	116.5	120.9	123.4	159.4	177.0	...	99	155	163	166	217	232	...
October ...	78.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	182.2	197.3	...	100	152	159	166	216	234	...
November ...	86.1	129.3	126.3	129.7	164.1	203.8	...	102	149	153	164	211	243	...
December ...	91.7	127.3	127.6	121.7	165.6	192.2	...	106	150	152	159	208	243	...
Year ...	932.3	1442.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	2123.7	...	100	151	156	160	196	226	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

21. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

Period.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	
Year 1939	50,520	18,179,537	156,787	7,539,660	25,719,197
1944	51,278	21,037,984	110,560	7,062,191	28,100,175
1945	53,927	23,998,758	109,862	7,512,997	31,511,755
1946	81,677	38,077,853	128,266	9,803,114	47,880,967
1947*	93,410	41,704,185	115,892	10,475,719	52,179,904
July	8,762	4,003,440	10,880	1,004,592	5,008,032
August	8,953	4,183,290	10,197	942,358	5,125,648
September	10,434	4,741,619	13,644	1,265,217	6,006,836
October	7,147	3,218,637	10,293	940,531	4,159,168
November	7,497	3,298,045	9,998	936,208	4,234,253
December	10,000	5,034,770	7,949	717,583	5,752,353

* The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

22. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

Period.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
1947—Year	£ 2,799,175	£ 788,685	£ 1,452,174	£ 5,040,034
July	265,631	76,755	98,451	440,837
August	233,242	63,634	97,611	394,487
September	297,680	60,406	120,734	478,820
October	260,288	69,382	69,506	399,176
November	201,670	72,902	97,774	372,346
December	315,365	63,619	291,310	670,294

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

23. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
1929—April ...	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
1931—Sept. ...	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
1937—Mar. ...	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1945—Sept. ...	242.7	207.8	170.8	146.7	264.6	195.8	210.3
1947—Feb. ...	313.0	298.9	195.0	160.3	360.3	246.4	260.4
May ...	329.2	314.8	196.9	172.6	391.7	257.1	272.4
June ...	330.4	318.1	194.9	171.0	401.0	258.1	272.1
July ...	327.8	315.1	194.5	167.7	408.8	257.0	270.4
Aug. ...	325.0	304.9	190.4	164.6	406.8	252.6	264.1
Sept. ...	332.1	306.4	187.9	168.8	399.6	253.5	264.5
Oct. ...	341.2	311.6	188.1	173.9	399.1	258.8	270.9
Nov. ...	347.3	318.2	190.7	179.8	399.2	264.4	276.4
Dec. ...	355.4	318.8	189.8	183.4	404.4	268.7	280.4
1948—Jan. ...	361.4†	315.5	184.7	191.7	407.8†	271.5†	283.7†
Feb. ...	358.1	311.2	180.5	189.0	404.8	268.6	280.3

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. † The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937. † Revised.

24. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—			
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.		At Current Rates.	
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.		
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	...	...
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	...	...
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2 years.	7 years.	2'47	3'23
1942	5'4	4'9	2'42	2'87	2'45	3'24
1943	5'0	4'7	2'39	2'80	2'48	3'23
1944	5'0	4'4	2'43	2'72	2'45	3'24
1945	4'8	4'4	2'30	2'60	2'47	3'25
1946	4'5	4'3	2'27	2'57	2'46	3'24
1947	4'4	4'3	1'99	2'64	2'12	3'17
Months—			2'23	2'69		
1947—January ...	4'5	4'4	1'98	2'85	2'02	3'20
June ...	4'5	4'3	2'16	2'59	1'92	3'15
September ...	4'4	4'3	2'44	2'67	2'28	3'17
October ...	4'4	4'3	2'44	2'53	2'30	3'17
November ...	4'4	4'3	2'46	2'63	2'46	3'17
December ...	4'4	4'3	2'51	2'77	2'46	3'17
1948—January ...	4'4	4'2	2'50	2'81	2'49	3'17

* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

25. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1939†.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Thousand £.											
January ...	2,449	1,090	1,786	2,246	4,576	4,895	1,591	383	608	1,078	1,858	3,671
February ...	2,438	1,507	1,999	2,357	4,729	...	1,841	611	593	1,179	2,031	...
March ...	3,623	1,552	2,059	2,726	4,395	...	2,225	663	688	1,047	2,005	...
April ...	2,245	931	1,663	3,832	3,393	...	2,025	302	326	1,431	1,674	...
May ...	3,090	1,307	2,204	4,097	4,763	...	2,112	495	606	1,641	2,299	...
June ...	2,613	1,809	2,373	3,593	4,617	...	1,658	687	864	1,708	2,079	...
July ...	2,919	1,992	2,726	4,005	5,333	...	1,950	543	902	1,622	2,484	...
August ...	3,068	2,241	2,238	5,670	5,346	...	2,770	723	861	2,352	2,085	...
September ...	2,934	1,772	2,684	6,440	4,988	...	1,501	597	1,005	2,328	2,378	...
October ...	2,330	1,654	3,260	5,826	4,843	...	1,713	634	1,128	2,161	2,641	...
November ...	2,381	1,899	3,106	5,180	4,978	...	1,702	529	1,072	2,163	2,238	...
December ...	2,067	1,708	2,195	4,105	5,061	...	1,344	699	899	2,473	2,220	...
Year ...	32,157	19,462	28,293	50,677	57,224	...	22,444	6,866	9,752	21,183	25,992	...

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

† Approximate.

§ Revised.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

26. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of January.			Year ended 31st December.		
	Crops	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops	Wool.*	Livestock.*
1946	£ 40,832	£ 99,589	£ 58,808	£ 679,953	£ 1,544,229	£ 1,199,843
1947	130,793	83,131	66,889	† 789,002	1,893,292	1,689,916
1948	23,378	186,597	208,228	...	...	...

See note under Table 25.

* Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

† Revised.

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

27. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (e.g. Civilian Register, 1943, and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Total Employees. (Excluding Rural Workers and Household Domestics.)			Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental.	Private.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (b)	Building and Con- struc- tion.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade	Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (c)
	(a)	(b)	(b)							
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103·2	277·5	380·7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	136·5	393·4	529·9	...	158·8	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141·5	406·2	547·7	26·0	202·1	54·0	76·8	41·6	43·6	49·3
1943—July ...	156·9	365·2	522·1	25·1	217·8	30·1	79·9	28·7	33·4	39·6
1944—July ...	152·2	372·0	524·2	24·4	217·6	28·2	82·3	28·5	34·0	42·6
1945—July ...	156·7	384·5	541·2	24·7	216·6	34·2	86·0	30·2	35·6	45·8
1946—July ...	169·8	455·6	625·4	25·7	237·9	45·1	97·3	42·1	51·2	57·0
1947—Jan. ...	173·5	479·8	653·3	26·3	245·4	51·0	99·7	45·3	54·5	61·0
Feb. ...	174·9	479·7	654·6	26·3	244·1	53·0	99·5	45·0	55·0	61·4
Mar. ...	175·5	486·2	661·7	26·1	248·9	53·0	99·8	45·2	55·7	62·3
April ...	176·4	488·4	664·8	26·2	248·6	53·0	102·1	45·6	55·7	62·3
May ...	177·4	490·6	668·0	26·4	248·5	55·1	102·0	45·7	56·1	62·5
June ...	178·2	493·6	671·8	26·6	249·9	55·7	102·8	46·4	56·4	62·4
July ...	179·0	497·7	676·7	26·7	252·5	57·0	102·7	46·6	56·7	62·9
Aug. ...	179·6	499·8	679·4	26·8	254·1	56·8	102·8	46·9	56·7	63·5
Sept. ...	180·4	503·0	683·4	27·2	254·9	57·4	103·7	47·5	57·2	63·5
Oct. ...	180·6	505·8	686·4	27·1	255·5	57·5	104·9	48·1	57·4	63·8
Nov. ...	180·6	507·3	687·9	27·1	255·5	57·5	104·4	49·0	58·0	63·9
Dec. ...	181·7	506·9	688·6	27·3	254·6	57·0	103·6	50·3	58·8*	64·5
1948—Jan. ...	182·2	507·5	689·7	27·3	258·0	57·5	104·4	48·9	58·9	64·7
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16·8	109·0	125·8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19·4	148·6	168·0	...	59·3	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21·7	196·6	218·3	0·2	76·0	0·7	8·2	41·0	17·8	60·2
1943—July ...	46·1	207·7	253·8	0·2	94·6	0·7	12·9	38·5	20·6	65·9
1944—July ...	45·6	205·4	251·0	0·2	91·6	0·7	13·8	36·3	20·7	67·7
1945—July ...	43·4	203·3	246·7	0·2	85·7	0·7	14·5	37·5	21·1	69·6
1946—July ...	32·8	210·2	243·0	0·2	83·2	0·9	12·9	39·2	21·1	73·3
1947—Jan. ...	31·8	216·8	248·6	0·2	84·0	0·9	12·4	41·6	21·7	75·8
Feb. ...	31·9	217·1	249·0	0·2	85·1	0·9	12·7	40·3	22·0	75·9
Mar. ...	32·0	219·6	251·6	0·2	86·4	0·9	12·7	40·5	22·1	76·7
April ...	32·0	219·1	251·1	0·2	85·3	0·9	12·7	40·6	22·0	77·3
May ...	32·1	219·4	251·5	0·2	85·6	1·1	12·7	40·7	22·1	77·0
June ...	32·3	219·8	252·1	0·2	85·6	1·0	12·8	40·7	22·2	77·1
July ...	32·3	220·6	252·9	0·2	86·2	1·0	12·8	40·9	22·3	77·1
Aug. ...	32·6	222·8	255·4	0·2	86·7	1·0	13·0	41·0	22·7	78·3
Sept. ...	32·6	224·1	256·7	0·2	87·1	1·0	13·1	41·5	23·0	78·5
Oct. ...	32·7	225·6	258·3	0·2	87·6	1·0	13·2	41·8	23·2	78·8
Nov. ...	32·6	228·1	260·7	0·2	88·0	1·0	13·2	43·4	23·3	79·3
Dec. ...	32·6	228·2	260·8	0·2	87·5	1·0	13·3	44·3	23·4	78·8
1948—Jan. ...	32·9	224·5	257·4	0·2	86·7	1·0	13·4	43·0	23·0	78·6
TOTAL. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120·0	386·5	506·5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155·9	542·0	697·9	...	218·1	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163·2	602·8	766·0	26·2	278·1	54·7	85·0	82·6	61·4	109·5
1943—July ...	203·0	572·9	775·9	25·3	312·4	30·8	92·8	67·2	54·0	105·5
1944—July ...	197·8	577·4	775·2	24·6	309·2	28·9	96·1	64·8	54·7	110·3
1945—July ...	200·1	587·8	787·9	24·9	302·3	34·9	100·5	67·7	56·7	115·4
1946—July ...	202·6	665·8	868·4	25·9	321·1	46·0	110·2	81·3	72·3	130·3
1947—Jan. ...	205·3	696·6	901·9	26·5	329·4	51·9	112·1	86·9	76·2	136·8
Feb. ...	206·8	696·8	903·6	26·5	329·2	53·9	112·2	85·3	77·0	137·3
Mar. ...	207·5	705·8	913·3	26·3	335·3	53·9	112·5	85·7	77·8	139·0
April ...	208·4	707·5	915·9	26·4	333·9	53·9	114·8	86·2	77·	139·6
May ...	209·5	710·0	919·5	26·6	334·1	56·2	114·7	86·4	78·2	139·5
June ...	210·5	713·4	923·9	26·8	335·5	56·7	115·6	87·1	78·6	139·5
July ...	211·3	718·3	929·6	26·9	338·7	58·0	115·5	87·5	79·0	140·0
Aug. ...	212·2	722·6	934·8	27·0	340·8	57·8	115·8	87·9	79·4	141·8
Sept. ...	213·0	727·1	940·1	27·4	342·0	58·4	116·8	89·0	80·2	142·0
Oct. ...	213·3	731·4	944·7	27·3	343·1	58·5	118·1	89·9	80·6	142·6
Nov. ...	213·2	735·4	948·6	27·3	343·5	58·5	117·6	92·4	81·3	143·2
Dec. ...	214·3	735·1	949·4	27·5	342·1	58·0	116·9	94·6	82·2*	143·3
1948—Jan. ...	215·1	732·0	947·1	27·5	344·7	58·5	117·8	91·9	81·9	143·3

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. From July, 1946, subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services.

* Revised.

28. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	141	164	155	173	165	170	198
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	145	159	161	174	181	201	...
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	146	164	165	171	185	199	...
April ...	100	104	96	110	125	147	164	162	172	189	198	...
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	144	166	172	178	192	198	...
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	154	174	176	176	197	208	...
July ...	100	105	97	12	134	158	171	177	184	195	212	...
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	157	181	181	177	195	212	...
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	158	171	172	180	201	214	...
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	163	162	169	174	203	211	...
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	161	164	171	179	200	214	...
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	165	163	169	123	180	214	...
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	154	167	170	172	191	204	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years,
1929 to 1931.

29. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938 ...	2	0 14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ...	2	1 42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	2	2 95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	10 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	2	4 26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ...	2	4 66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ...	2	4 63	22	10 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944 ...	2	4 63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945 ...	2	10 59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1946 ...	4	8 02	56	8 6	55	0 2	414	19 0	10	15 3
1947 ...	4	4 27	90	2 0	67	6 4	502	12 2	10	15 3
1946—October ...	5	4 17	66	16 6	61	19 0	454	1 7	10	15 3
November ...	5	4 17	69	10 1	62	13 8	454	1 7	10	15 3
December ...	5	4 17	71	13 0	61	13 6	454	1 7	10	15 3
1947—January ...	5	4 17	77	14 10	66	1 1	454	1 7	10	15 3
February ...	4	3 42	79	5 5	65	11 4	454	1 7	10	15 3
March ...	4	6 44	81	18 1	68	3 8	454	1 7	10	15 3
April ...	4	4 98	93	15 11	68	9 8	523	12 10	10	15 3
May ...	4	3 04	96	0 1	68	9 8	523	12 10	10	15 3
June ...	3	11 75	94	3 0	64	16 4	523	12 10	10	15 3
July ...	3	8 90	93	1 5	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
August ...	3	9 40	92	3 0	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
September ...	4	1 07	93	14 7	65	4 7	521	14 3	10	15 3
October ...	4	4 96	93	15 2	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
November ...	4	8 56	92	3 11	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
December ...	4	8 56	93	9 0	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
1948—January ...	4	7 85	94	13 3	68	17 6	612	5 3	10	15 3

30. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent—4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
1944—June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22'0
June... ..	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22'3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23'4
June... ..	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25'1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26'2
1947—March ...	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27'8
June ...	1,096	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28'0
September ...	1,109	1,044	1,579	1,244	1,218	30'5
December ...	1,139	1,045	1,639	1,245	1,242	33'1

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

31. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
† 1939	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0 108 0†	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0 106 0†
1947	108 0	110 0	110 0	112 0	107 0	108 0	109 0	111 0
1948	114 0	...	...	...	113 0	...	...	...

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

‡ In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

POPULATION—Census 30th June, 1947 (preliminary):—New South Wales, Males, 1,492,827; Females, 1,492,637; Total, 2,985,464—or 39'4 per cent. of population of Australia; Sydney and Suburbs, 1,484,434.

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